## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	§	Chapter 11
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W.R. GRACE & CO., et al.,	§	Jointly Administered
	§	Case No. 01-01139 (KJC)
Debtors.	§	
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FEE AUDITOR'S FINAL REPORT REGARDING THE FINAL APPLICATION OF BAKER MCKENZIE LLP AS ORDINARY COURSE PROFESSIONAL FOR ALLOWANCE OF FEES AND EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF THE MONTHLY OCP LIMIT FOR NOVEMBER 2011

This is the final report of Warren H. Smith & Associates, P.C., acting in its capacity as fee auditor in the above-captioned bankruptcy proceedings, regarding the <u>Final Application of Baker & McKenzie LLP as Ordinary Course Professional for Allowance of Fees and Expenses in Excess of the Monthly OCP Limit for November 2011</u> (the "Application").

#### **BACKGROUND**

1. Baker & McKenzie LLP ("Baker & McKenzie") was retained as an ordinary course professional ("OCP") to provide legal services to the Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession. In the Application, Baker & McKenzie seeks final approval of fees totaling \$92,316.19¹ and expenses

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>We note that the total of the fees requested in Baker & McKenzie's prior fee application is \$96,728.61. It appears that Baker & McKenzie has deducted from this amount all of the reductions ordered by the Court for the prior period, which period is discussed in more detail in paragraph 3, to arrive at the figure it seeks of \$92,316.19. We note that the Court has ruled on the First through Fifty-First Interim Periods, but no ruling has been made on the Fifty-Second Interim Period.

totaling \$1,118.16<sup>2</sup> for its services from November 1, 2011 through November 30, 2011 (the "Final Application Period).

2. In conducting this audit and reaching the conclusions and recommendations contained herein, we reviewed in detail the Application in its entirety, including each of the time and expense entries included in the exhibits to the Application, for compliance with 11 U.S.C. § 330, Local Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Amended Effective February 1, 2014, and the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330, Issued January 30, 1996 (the "U.S. Trustee Guidelines"), as well as for consistency with precedent established in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. We have no issues with, or objections to, the Application, and thus we did not send an initial report to Baker & McKenzie.

#### **DISCUSSION**

#### **Prior Interim Application**

3. We note that we previously filed the following final report for Baker & McKenzie's prior interim application, which final report we incorporate by reference herein, and we also note the following order that ruled on Baker & McKenzie's prior interim fee application:

43<sup>rd</sup> Period: <u>Fee Auditor's Final Report Regarding First Interim Fee Application of Baker</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>We note that the total of the expenses requested in Baker & McKenzie's prior fee application is \$1,118.16. The Court ordered no reductions for the prior period, which period is discussed in more detail in paragraph 3, and thus Baker & McKenzie has deducted no sums from this amount to arrive at the figure it seeks of \$1,118.16. We note that the Court has ruled on the First through Fifty-First Interim Periods, but no ruling has been made on the Fifty-Second Interim Period.

& McKenzie LLP as Ordinary Course Professional for Allowance of Fees and Expenses in Excess of the Monthly OCP Limit for November 2011 (Docket #28750), filed on or about March 30, 2012, in which we recommended approval of fees totaling \$92,316.19 and expenses totaling \$1,118.16, reflecting our recommended reductions of \$4,412.42 in fees, as further explained in paragraphs 3 and 5 of that final report. These recommendations were adopted in the Order Approving Quarterly Fee Applications for the Forty-Third Period, dated June 14, 2012 (Docket #29054).

4. We have reviewed the final report and order allowing fees and expenses for the prior interim period, and we do not believe there is any reason to change any of the amounts awarded for the prior interim period.

#### **CONCLUSION**

5. Thus, we recommend final approval of \$92,316.19<sup>3</sup> in fees and \$1,118.16<sup>4</sup> in expenses for Baker & McKenzie's services for the Final Application Period.

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Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served by First Class United States mail to the attached service list on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

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